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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

A seldom used to date, but so far highly effective tool in the battle between the "establishment" and student radicals and campus "take over artists" is the court order. First used (in recent college protest problems) at Howard University and since at six or eight other universities including Fordham and Columbia (and threatened at George Washington) the restraining order is yet to fail in evicting student occupiers without resorting to force. The only violation of a court order so far occurred at Columbia on April 30 when an SDS-led student group violated a previously issued order and reoccupied a college building. The issuing judge promptly issued arrest warrants which quickly re-emptied the building.

Those who violate a legitimately issued court order stand in contempt of court and are at the mercy of the issuing judge. The judge is free to punish violators without further involvement of college administrators, regents, or faculty members. Imposed penalties can be stiff and do not involve juries or public prosecutors.

In theory, as well as practice, the use of restraining orders transfers the onus of resorting to force from university officials to the issuing agency - the court. The police, if needed to enforce arrest warrants, are not responding to school officials but instead are enforcing the policy of the court.

If court action at Columbia on April 30 proves effective and it's believed it will, more extensive use of restraining orders to oust campus revolutionaries will probably be employed in coming months.

"The streets of our country are in turmoil, the universities are filled with students rioting and rebelling, communists are seeking to destroy our country, Russia is threatening us with her might. . . We need law and order. Without law and order we cannot survive."

--From a Campaign Speech
at Hamburg, Germany,
1931, by Adolph Hitler

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At a recent rally in Los Angeles sponsored by the Friends of the Black Panther's, Robert COHEN, radical filmmaker, said he had received a letter from Robert WILLIAMS, militant black fugitive, saying WILLIAMS intends to return to the U. S. this summer from Red China. COHEN said WILLIAMS wants to join the Black Panther Party "in order to destroy this beast that is American capitalist society." There have been rumors of WILLIAMS' intention to return before and it is doubtful he'll return to face arrest and trial.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

May-June

Boston, Massachusetts and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, - It has recently been reported that SDS members at Harvard and Boston Universities had met with members of the Iron Cross Motorcycle Club at Boston to learn to make Molotov cocktails and bombs. Some bombs and cocktails were made and SDS was supposed to be considering exploding them at historical sites in Boston and Philadelphia during May and June. This allegation seemed a bit fantastic but a similar plot had been hatched last year by colored militants and arrests made.

However, explosives were seized in a raid on a West Philadelphia apartment on 9 April and have been linked to the plot to blow up historic Philadelphia monuments. Among the four persons arrested in the apartment was the Chairman of the SDS Labor-Committee. Although a police informant had indicated that the explosives to be used in the plot were present in the raided apartment, no direct link to the alleged plot has been revealed.

No bombings have been noted to date.

30 April - 4 May

New York City - The CPUSA's 19th National Convention began Wednesday and is to conclude on Sunday, 4 May. No details on its deliberations have been noted to date but it is assumed that some bitter factional dispute has and will occur.

30 April - 4 May

Bloomington, Indiana - The Young Socialist Alliance and The Indiana University Committee to End the War in Vietnam are attempting to promote an "anti-militarism week."

May Day - 1969

The following item is lifted "in toto" from the radical newspaper "Guardian." Captioned "Take back May Day" it said:

"There is one day which unquestionably belongs to the left - May Day, the international workers' holiday.

"Though we have been taught to believe this holiday is foreign, May Day was born in America 83 years ago. On May 1, 1886, 200,000 workers across the U. S. went out on general strike, to fight for the eight-hour day.

"During the demonstrations, which lasted for weeks, more than 80,000 people were on the streets of Chicago. Police shot down a striker on May 3; on May 4, a protest demonstration was held in Haymarket Square. A bomb exploded when police charged the peaceful demonstration; seven cops were killed. Police mowed down the strikers, killing some; scores more were injured.

"Eight labor leaders were rounded up and charged with conspiracy; four were hanged; one committed suicide in his jail cell. Since 1886, liberation movements throughout the world have honored May Day.

"This year in New York, movement groups are uniting to march on Wall Street, demanding freedom for all political prisoners - in particular, the Panther 21 (see article, page 3).

"Called by regional SDS, local SDS chapters, Youth Against War and Fascism, several high school groups and others, demonstrators plan to assemble in small groups across the city and march on Wall Street, arriving between 11:30 a. m. and noon. Organizers see the action as a chance for a unified movement demonstration at a time of renewed and intense struggle in New York City.

"Talk of a high school student strike to begin on May Day continues to mount. New York women's liberation groups are thinking about a demonstration outside the Women's House of Detention for that day, particularly to support Joan Bird, of the Panther 21, who is inside."

May 1-3

Washington, D. C. - The following is from "The New Republic,"
26 April 1969.

NATIONAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ON ABM

ABM

"The Choice Between a Military and a Sane Society"
May 1-3, Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Called to focus the attention of universities, Congress and the nation on the consequences of our government's ABM decision, its intransigence in Vietnam, and the increasing militarization of our society. There is an urgent need for a visible academic presence in Washington at this time of momentous decisions.

Major speakers include: Prof. George Wald, Harvard; Prof. Seymour Melman, Columbia; Dr. Robert Lifton, Yale; Hans J. Morganthau, Chicago Univ.

Among the 50 Conference Convenors are: Noam Chomsky, Richard A. Falt, Robert Heitbroner, Irving Horowitz, H. Stuart Pughes, Robert J. Lifton, M.D., Franz Schurmann.

If you are interested in attending the conference, contact:

ABM/CHOICE c/o SANE, 381 Park Ave. So., N.Y.C. 10016 (212) 889-2642

May 2-3

Detroit, Michigan - Black lawyers in the Detroit area, sharply criticizing racism in the legal profession, have announced a conference on "Law and Race." Among the joint sponsors of the conference is the Detroit chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

May 3

*Indianapolis, Indiana - Indiana University students are urged to participate in a demonstration in protest to tuition increases. Purdue University students are also formulating plans to take part in the demonstration.

May 3

*Columbia, South Carolina - Aware, a protest group at the University of South Carolina plans to demonstrate during President NIXON's planned visit to Columbia. The group may demonstrate at the airport when NIXON arrives.

May 4

*The Texas Coalition Against the War is sponsoring a "GI Beer Bust" from noon to 5 p.m. at Austin. GI's are invited free of charge.

May 5

*Predominately Negro, Voorhees College at Denmark, South Carolina, which was closed due to the takeover of the administration building, the science building and the library by armed militant students during the last week

in April is scheduled to reopen on May 5. Twenty-five students have been charged with inciting and participating in a riot and several additional warrants are pending.

May 5 & 6

*Washington, D. C. - The American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia is sponsoring a vigil at the White House to protest the War in Vietnam. A group of the demonstrators hope to meet with President NIXON. Six buses have been chartered to bring the protestors from Philadelphia.

May 6

*Mobile, Alabama - A local civil rights organization and the SCLC applied for a permit to conduct a parade in the vicinity of the municipal auditorium where finals of the Junior Miss Pageant are scheduled to be held and nationally televised. The application estimates 10,000 people to take part in the parade. The Mobile City Commission denied the permit but said they would grant a permit for a different date. Police said they will not permit an illegal parade.

May 7-12

*Regina, Canada - A North American Conference of Anti-Imperialist Youth will be held - purpose to "unite all anti-imperialist people." It will feature speakers from revolutionary movements in Canada, England, and the United States. SDS announced its support at a recent Regional Conference in Akron, Ohio.

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May 10

*Minneapolis, Minnesota - Protest and dissent is becoming the "thing to do" with more and more minority groups. The American Indians in Minnesota have formed an organization to fight for the control of their own communities. The American Indian Movement has set May 4-10 as American Indian Week in Minneapolis. They plan to block off two-three blocks of Franklin Avenue (the main residential area of Minneapolis Indians) to hold a teach-out during that week. One of a number of complaints is alleged vindictive police action against Indian youths.

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May 11

*Mother's Day - U.S.A. - The Poor People's Campaign, lead by the SCLC and Rev. Ralph ABERNATHY, has

opened its "Second Chapter." The overall tactic is to be "massing of coercive power" and its first dramatic events are scheduled for May 11 with marches in Washington, D. C., and other cities and the presentation of demands to key political figures. In D. C., during Mother's Day week, a committee of 100 poor people and their representatives will visit Congress, cabinet members, and the White House.

The program envisions not only a broader campaign than that of 1968 with its focus primarily in D. C., but the continuous massing of coercive power "when this becomes timely and necessary," according to ABERNATHY. The program contains no plan for another Resurrection City but when key votes are to be taken and when critical decisions are being made by the administration relating to issues involving the poor, they "will assemble in Washington."

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May 11-16

*Washington, D. C. - The Poor People's Campaign is planning action in D. C. during this week. On May 11, Mother's Day, eight or ten hand picked groups consisting of 10 poor people each will arrive in D. C. by bus to participate in a "Mother's Day March." These groups will be made up of Puerto Ricans, whites from Appalachia, Indians from Colorado, and poor individuals from Harlem and from the South. The total is not expected to exceed 100. They will remain through the 16th and will accompany Rev. Ralph ABERNATHY, SCLC head who is now in jail in Charleston, North Carolina, as he visits various Government officials with his demands.

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May 14

*Chicago, Illinois - A committee of "Chicagoans Against the ABM" is planning a mass rally to protest President NIXON's proposed ABM system. Chicagoans Against the ABM consists of more than thirty-five organizations, including the Church Federation of Chicago, the United Churches of Christ, and the American Federation of Scientists. The rally will feature Senator Albert GORE (Tenn.). Other speakers will include Rev. C. T. VIVIAN (SCLC), U. S. Rep. Sidney YATES, and Nobel Prize winner Prof. George WALD of Harvard University.

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May 17

*Denver, Colorado - During an anti-war rally by about 1,050 persons from a number of organizations on 26 April, plans

were announced for another demonstration at Ft. Carson and all present were requested to participate. USA-NTC 9118

May 26

Memphis, Tennessee - Motion by James Earl RAY for a new trial in the murder of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be heard by Judge Arthur C. FAQUIN, Jr.

May 30

Ft. Sill, Oklahoma - SDS and the Committee to End the War in Vietnam plan to demonstrate at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, on Armed Forces Day to protest the wasted money in holding an Armed Forces Day.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably True.